Data Points

Update on the TEDS SA Discharge File

Questions have been raised as to the TEDS discharge status for clients who transfer between different facilities within the same region. If a Substance Abuse patient, for instance, moves between an Outpatient and a Residential facility within the same region, is that a discharge for the purposes of the TEDS dataset?

The answer is "No". The intent of the TEDS SA data set is to view admissions/discharges at a regional level. If a client receives SA services at different facilities within a single region, that is a continuation of services. A discharge record would not be generated as long as there is not a gap of greater than 30 days between the services and as long as both facilities are ISATS sites.

For additional details and specifications for the new Discharge file, see http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/files/ImpGuide_2008/21-ImpGuide_Discharge.pdf. If you have additional questions, you can contact Harry Hughes at the Research and Data Management Center at Harry.Hughes@rdmc.org or at 859-260-1960.

Don't forget that regions will need to begin collecting the required information no later than July 1, 2007.

Client File – Number of Arrests (Field 85)

The new "Number of Arrests in the Past 30 Days" field will become a General Error field immediately upon its introduction in the July 2007 Client file. Normally the regions are given a one year grace period on new fields, but this field will be an exception because of its importance to the federally-mandated TEDS data submissions

Update on Service Codes (DMHMRS Modifier 1)

Code 43 – Supported Housing:
Unit of Service for Code 43 will be changing from 1 day to ¼ hour beginning with July 2007 data.

Code 76 – MH Non-Residential Crisis Response (New for FY2008):
Unit of Service was originally set to be 1 day. There was considerable discussion concerning changing the unit. It was decided to keep the Unit of Service at 1 day.

Code 83 – Early Intervention/First Steps:
Contrary to earlier reports, this service code is *not* being eliminated with the new fiscal year.

Alpha-Numeric Service Codes:
The Event dataset currently uses 2-digit values for all Service Codes. There is the possibility that we'll be running out of available 2-digit numbers in the next couple of years. One option for expansion would be to use 2-digit *alpha*-numeric codes. This would significantly expand the available codes. Our concern is that this may create technical difficulties at the regions with data storage and processing. We would appreciate any feedback (especially negative) you might have on such a change. Comments can be addressed to Harry Hughes at the Research and Data Management Center at Harry.Hughes@rdmc.org or at 859-260-1960.

Making Changes to Client IDs in Previously Submitted Data:

If a region becomes aware of having submitted Client records or services with incorrect Client IDs, there is a fairly simple process for making the necessary corrections at RDMC. It is not necessary to resubmit old data files. You'll need to contact your RDMC liaison and provide a list of the improperly submitted Client IDs together with the correct Client ID. It is acceptable to provide Social Security Numbers and RDMC will take care of the necessary encryption. For security reasons, however, please don't send SSNs via email. It can be done by phone, FAX, or secure file transfer.

Note that our internal processes that make the Client ID corrections only fix prior submissions of data. The corrections do not account for future submissions of those same incorrect Client IDs. In other words, make sure you have corrected the Client IDs at your end before sending the corrections list to RDMC.